

## **House Committee on Health and Welfare**

Minutes of Meeting  
2023 Regular Session  
May 31, 2023

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Michael Charles Echols  
Representative Jason Hughes  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Thomas A. Pressly  
Representative Laurie Schlegel  
Representative Larry Selders  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni  
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Roy Daryl Adams  
Representative Robby Carter  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Taylor Chrisman, attorney  
Meah Johnson, attorney  
Kristy Neubrandner, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms  
Randall Ike, committee clerk  
Nevonda Reed, division director

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Concurrent Resolution No. 122 by Representative Kerner**

Representative Kerner presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 122, which memorializes the United States Congress to adopt strategies for improving access to dental care for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Ashley McReynolds, Arc of Louisiana, 600 Colonial Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 383-1033, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 122 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Kathy Dwyer, Louisiana Dental Task Force, 1525 Papworth Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 833-2439, spoke in support of House Bill No. 122.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 122 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 122 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Resolution No. 173 by Representative Butler**

Representative Butler presented House Resolution No. 173, which directs the La. Dept. of Health to report statistics on abuse and neglect in certain Medicaid programs.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to:

- (1) Require the report produced to enumerate and summarize all allegations of abuse and neglect in the provision of certain Medicaid services.
- (2) Specify which content shall be included in the statistics report.

- (3) Insert language that includes residents and clients of Medicaid providers in the requirements for the report.
- (4) Change the date of submission for the report from February 1, 2024, to July 1, 2024.
- (5) Make technical corrections.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Kim Smith, 125 West Dunbar Avenue, Opelousas, LA 70570, (337) 793-0012, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 173.

Denise Young, 119 Chaisson Road, Broussard, LA 70518, (337) 806-3978, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 173.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 173 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 173 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 115 by Representative McFarland**

Representative McFarland presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 115, which creates a task force to support the cross-agency work associated with the recreation of Early Childhood Supports and Services program in this state.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 115 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 115 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 120 by Representative Davis**

Representative Davis presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 120, which creates a subcommittee to study nonmelanoma skin cancer prevention and treatment.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 120 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 120 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

**House Resolution No. 201 by Representative Fisher**

Representative Fisher presented House Resolution No. 201, which creates a subcommittee to study the effectiveness of sickle cell healthcare treatment practices in this state.

Representative Moore offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 201 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 201 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 114 by Representative Cox**

Representative Cox presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 114, which requests the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to study the potential outcomes of allowing sanctioned physicians to practice under supervision and its impact on the physician shortage.

Representative Cox offered amendments to:

- (1) Add information about Louisiana's national ranking for physician disciplinary actions.
- (2) Delete the itemized list of demographic information to include in the report.
- (3) Make technical corrections.

Representative Cox offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Cox offered amendments to require the report to include the physicians' demographics.. Representative Cox offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 114 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 114 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, and Selders voted yea.

#### **House Resolution No. 200 by Representative Turner**

Representative Turner presented House Resolution No. 200, which requests the Louisiana Department of Health to form a group to study alternative tools to inform reimbursement rates for intermediate care facilities.

Caroline Meehan, Community Provider Association, P.O. Box 19571, New Orleans, LA 70179, (202) 374-8695, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 200.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 200 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 200 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 198 by Senator Jackson**

Chairman Bagley announced that action on Senate Bill No. 198, which provides relative to consumable hemp products, was voluntarily deferred.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Presentation on HR No. 216 by Representative Bagley**

David Tatman, Network of Care, 620 Florida Street, Suite 110, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, (225) 767-7640, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 216 by Representative Bagley, which urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Health to implement a digital platform to facilitate access to behavioral health services for certain conditions.

Afshin Khosravi, Network of Care, 1101 Fifth Avenue, Suite 250, San Rafael, CA 94901, (415) 456-5900, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 216. He provided information on Network of Care, an online platform that provides access to comprehensive community services, information, support, and assistance.

**Presentation of select findings from the study called for in HCR No. 85 of the 2021 Regular Session on policies relative to certain health issues of women prisoners**

On behalf of Representative Landry, Representative Pressly presented select findings from the study called for in HCR No. 85 of the 2021 Regular Session on policies relative to certain health issues of women prisoners.

Anne Jayes, Louisiana Public Health Institute, 400 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70122, (504) 239-2424, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Michelle Erenberg, Lift Louisiana, 3157 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70122, (504) 451-8489, spoke for information only.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Pressly offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Pressly, and Schlegel voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: